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MINT DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES SPECIAL MINT SETS FOR 1967
AND TERMINATION OF ORDERING PERIOD FOR 1966 SETS
AND RECORD COIN PRODUCTION IN 1966

Miss Eva Adams, Director of the Mint, announced today that persons desiring to order 1966 United States Special Mint Sets should have their orders postmarked before December 10, 1966. The orders should be sent to the United States Assay Office, San Francisco, California. That office will discontinue acceptance of orders for the 1966 Sets after that date. These sets, specially made for collectors, contain one each of the current issues of United States coins dated 1966 and sell for $4.00.

All persons who order 1966 United States Special Mint Sets will receive order blanks late in December for the new 1967 sets.

On January 1, 1967, the United States Mint will resume normal dating of all United States coins with the year in which they are actually struck.

It is expected that during calendar year 1966 the Mints at Denver and Philadelphia, and the Assay Office at San Francisco, will strike 4.6 billion coins bearing the 1965 date and 4.7 billion coins bearing the 1966 date, plus a quarter of a billion 90 percent silver halves, quarters and dimes, struck early in 1966 while production of the new clad coins was being phased in. Total production of coins in 1966 would thus be 9.5 billion as a new record. Production in 1966 of coins with 1965 and 1966 dates would each be larger than production of coins bearing any previous date, with the exception of 1964, when 5.6 billion coins dated that year were produced.

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